

FORM PTO-1390  
(REV 10-94)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER  
(2086/42184) Case 7-PCT-US

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5)

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
PCT/DE03/00932INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  
March 19, 2003PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  
April 23, 2002

TITLE OF INVENTION SELF-LOCKING FASTENING DEVICE

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Josef ESSER

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(l).
4. ☒ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☐ Amendments to the specification of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith in the International Application (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). (**UNEXECUTED**).
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.  
☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A substitute specification.
15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. ☒ Other items or information:
  - a. ☐ Applicant hereby claims small entity status.
  - b. ☒ Application Data Sheet
  - c. ☐ International Prelim. Examination Report
  - d. ☒ International Search Report

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17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)): Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO <span style="float:right">\$950.00</span> International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) <span style="float:right">\$750.00</span> No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) <span style="float:right">\$790.00</span> Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO <span style="float:right">\$1,110.00</span> International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4) <span style="float:right">\$100.00</span>				CALCULATIONS    PTO USE ONLY	
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Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/>20 <input type="checkbox"/>30</span> months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$ -0-	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	3 - 20 =	-0-	X    \$18.00	\$ -0-	
Independent claims	1 - 3 =	-0-	X    \$88.00	\$ -0-	
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Reduction by ½ for filing by small entity, if applicable.				\$	
SUBTOTAL =				\$ 950.00	
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TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$ 950.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				+    \$ -0-	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$ 950.00	
				Amount to be refunded:	\$
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a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>950.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed. **b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 20-1495 in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1495. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  <b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a)          or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</b>					

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